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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to health care and social services, with an expiration date.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 208.014, to read as follows:

208.014. 1. There is hereby established the "Medicaid Reform Commission". The commission shall have as its purpose the study and review of recommendations for reforms of the state Medicaid system. The commission shall consist of twelve members:

- (1) Six members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker; and
 - (2) Six members of the senate appointed by the pro tem.

No more than four members from each house shall be of the same political party. The directors of the department of social services, the department of health and senior services, and the department of mental health or the directors' designees shall serve as ex officio members of the commission.

- 2. Members of the commission shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of the member's official duties.
- 3. A chair of the commission shall be selected by the members of the commission.
 - 4. The commission shall meet as necessary.
- 5. The commission is authorized to contract with a consultant. The compensation of the consultant and other personnel shall be paid from the joint contingent fund or jointly from the senate and house contingent funds until an appropriation is made therefor.

- 6. The commission shall make recommendations in a report to the general assembly by September 1, 2005, on reforming, redesigning, and restructuring a new, innovative state Medicaid healthcare delivery system under Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965, amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 30 et. seq.) as amended, to replace the current state Medicaid system under Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965, amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 30, et seq.), which shall sunset on July 1, 2007.
 - 7. The provisions of this section shall expire on September 1, 2005.

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